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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application: **Cuomo et al.**Serial No.: **09/627,518**Filed: **July 28, 2000**For: **Method and Apparatus for  
Affinity of Users to Application  
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§Group Art Unit: **2143**Examiner: **Mauro Jr., Thomas J.**Attorney Docket No.: **RSW9-2000-0090-US***Amelt A*  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Commissioner for Patents  
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In response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.